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POLICY OUTLINED ON MEXICAN PROBLEM

President Wilson Will Read
Message.

DRASTIC MEASURES NOT ANTICIPATED

Although Mission of John Lind was not Successful and Pres. Wilson Maintains his Determination not to Recognize Huerta, War not Expected.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Eleventh hour developments in the Mexican situation today postponed delivery of President Wilson's special message to congress until Wednesday and indicated that the government of Provisional President Huerta after all might withdraw or modify its rejection of the proposals of the United States.

At the request of Senor Gamboa, Mexican minister of foreign affairs, which was based upon supplementary suggestions by John Lind, advisor to the United States embassy in Mexico City, President Wilson consented to postpone his address to congress until 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Washington, Aug. 25.—President Wilson read tonight to members of the senate committee on foreign relations and the house committee on foreign affairs, Republicans as well as Democrats the message on the Mexican situation, which he will deliver in person tomorrow to a joint session of both houses of congress.

It is a message of friendship, not hostility, and presages a policy of absolute non-interference. It proclaims to the world the sympathetic feeling the United States government and the American people have for their neighbors in Mexico. It records the views of the United States on constitutional government, its unalterable opposition to governments set up by irregular and arbitrary acts of ambitious individuals and formally announces that the government of Victoriano Huerta shall not be recognized.

Tells of Efforts.

Efforts of the United States to bring about a peaceful settlement of the difficulty through the representations made by John Lind, special envoy of President Wilson, are outlined as well as the answer of the Huerta government.

The delivery of the message is considered an essential factor in the programme of the American government before the world. It is not a preliminary to any drastic measures. It merely is the announcement of a policy which will be maintained for years if necessary until constitutional government is reestablished in Mexico.

The effect of the message, it is hoped by administration officials, will be to convince the world of the sincere efforts of the United States to bring about peace and forestall pressure that might otherwise have been exerted by foreign governments for a sterner policy toward Mexico.

Not For War.

Having exerted every influence on the Mexican authorities, the administration does not feel compelled to intervene by force of arms to establish its views. Every opportunity will be given to American citizens to withdraw from the danger zones. Strict neutrality in shipments of arms will be observed.

The White House conference began at 8:30 o'clock. The president's private office looked like a school room. Divans, davenport, sofas and chairs were arranged in equal rows in front of the president's desk. There were accommodations for the 37 members of the two committees, but they did not all come, some being absent from the city. It was the largest conference that had been held at the executive offices since the present administration began.

Secretary Bryan sat beside the president.

B. Y. P. U. Box Supper.

The B. Y. P. U. will give a box supper at Babun Creek Baptist church on Friday evening, Sept. 5, from four o'clock till nine and the public is cordially invited to come.

(Miss) Mae Babb, Sec. & Treas.

MR. C. H. ROPER HEADS THE GLASS WORKS

Annual Meeting of Stockholders Followed by Election of Officers.

Mr. C. H. Roper, cashier of the Enterprise Bank, was yesterday elected president of the Laurens Glass Works, succeeding Dr. W. H. Dial, resigned. Mr. Albert Dial was re-elected secretary and treasurer. The other employees of the office will be retained.

The meeting of the stockholders was held in the office of Mr. N. B. Dial Monday morning. The report of the secretary and treasurer was read, showing that the company had enjoyed a very prosperous season notwithstanding the short time it was in operation. A substantial balance of income over operating expenses was shown.

Dr. W. H. Dial asked to be relieved of further service on the directorate. The place made vacant by the death of Mr. L. A. McCord, had also to be filled. Mr. C. H. Roper and Mr. T. M. Shaw were elected to succeed them. The other directors were re-elected, as follows: N. B. Dial, R. A. Cooper, L. E. Burns, J. N. Hudgens, E. P. Minter, A. J. Christopher.

The directors held several meetings following the adjournment of the stockholders and elected officers as set forth above.

With the two critical years of organization passed over and with bright prospects for a successful year ahead, the future of the glass works is very promising. The management during the past two seasons has labored under almost insurmountable difficulties, but somehow or other they have nursed the infant industry along until it has now reached a stage where it gives promise of being a very healthy youngster. The stockholders seem very optimistic over the future.

The fires will be re-kindled on the first of September and operations will most probably begin by the twelfth.

DIDN'T CHANGE A "FIGGER".

Books of the County Officers Gone Over by the Representative of the Comptroller General's Office.

Col. D. H. Wise, auditor of Aiken county, representative of the comptroller general's office and an all-around agreeable gentleman, was in the city yesterday making the annual settlement between the county officers and the comptroller general's office. The books of the treasurer, auditor and supervisor were gone over in the usual manner by Col. Wise and a report turned in to Comptroller General Jones.

Speaking of the books kept by the Laurens county officers, Col. Wise stated that they were found in perfect condition and that he "didn't have to change a figger" in any of the books. The county officers had things so arranged for him that he could make a rapid inspection and by the time the clock struck six yesterday afternoon he was ready to quit and talk to his friends. Col. Wise left last night for other counties.

A Case of Mistaken Identity?

Following an investigation made by Rural Policeman Lowe after a negro, Jim Toke, was ambushed and shot near Waterloo Sunday night, William Parker, another negro, was arrested by the rural policeman yesterday and lodged in the county jail. Messrs. Reid and Sullivan went down and brought the prisoner to Laurens. Jim Toke was ambushed Sunday night while coming from the railroad station with Parker's wife. Parker, it is thought, mistook Toke for another negro of whom he was said to have been jealous. The bullet hit Toke in the back entering just below the shoulders, and buried itself in his body. The doctors had not succeeded in extracting it yesterday. It is feared that the negro will die. Parker has very little to say of the incident.

Promoted in a Hurry.

Mr. Fred J. Nelson, who just recently was promoted from ticket agent here to traveling solicitor, has again been promoted by the same road. While he will hold the same title as before he has been placed in charge of a much larger territory. His headquarters in the future will be in Charleston. He had spent only about a week in Anderson, to which place he went from here.

Smile of Colonel Goethals, Builder of the Panama Canal.



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COLONEL GEORGE WASHINGTON GOETHALS took charge of the Panama canal as chief engineer and chairman of the isthmian canal commission six years ago. He has been responsible for the excavation of more earth than any one man in the world. The colonel was born in Brooklyn on June 29, 1858. He was appointed chief engineer of the Panama canal Feb. 26, 1907, assuming charge the following April.

ANNUAL REUNION OF COMPANY F.

Enjoyable Day Spent at Langston Church. Address Prepared by Capt. W. A. Shands.

The annual reunion of Co. F, 14th Reg. S. C. V., was held at Langston church Tuesday, August 19th. The company was called to order by Capt. W. A. Shands, and was led in prayer by Comrade J. T. Todd. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions on the death of those who have died since the last meeting.

The following members answered to the roll call: Capt. W. A. Shands, J. T. Todd, G. M. Hanna, S. J. Workman, R. W. Taylor, E. W. Denny, H. P. Blakely, J. R. Anderson, J. Perry Dillard, and J. W. Blakeley. A large number of veterans from other companies were also present.

The following were elected honorary members: Dr. Alex. McCarley, Caesar Gore and Calvin Yarbrough. It was ordered that the oldest sons of honorary members who die be elected honorary members.

"The Dying Soldier" was impressively recited by Miss Annie Mae Donnan, and a poem, "A Song of the Sixties," was read by Miss Hallie Wright. An able address in memory of the dead heroes, prepared by Capt. W. A. Shands, was read by W. F. Wright.

Dinner was served on the ground. A large crowd was present. All enjoyed the delightful music furnished by Mr. T. B. Childress and his sons. Langston church was chosen as the permanent meeting place of the company.

W. F. Wright, Sec.

Three Punctures in 1,825 Miles.

Mr. Frank Tatum, of McColl, spent the week-end in the city with his wife, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bolt. Mr. Tatum was on his way home from an automobile trip through several states, making a total distance of 1,825 miles. He made an unusually fine record for breakdowns or tire trouble, during the entire trip the only unpleasant features being three punctures. When he reached Laurens he still was riding upon some of the air pumped into the tires when he left McColl. Mr. Tatum continued his journey home Monday morning.

DEATH OF W. T. PARKS.

Well Known Citizen of Fountain Inn, Father of Mrs. H. B. Kennedy of Laurens.

W. T. Parks, a well known citizen of Fountain Inn, died at his home Sunday after an illness of several weeks. His funeral services were held the following day and the interment was in the cemetery at Fountain Inn.

Mr. Parks was known and highly esteemed in Laurens where he had relatives. Mrs. H. B. Kennedy, of this city, is a daughter of his and J. H. Parks, formerly with the Southern Cotton Oil mill here, is a son. His other children are Seaborn and Tom Parks, of Greenville; Mrs. Flora Moore, Simpsonville; Mrs. H. M. Givens, Fountain Inn; Lizzie and Swift Parks, of Fountain Inn. All of the children were at the bedside when he died. His death had been expected for several days.

Fine Box of Tomatoes.

Mr. John H. Power, who is conducting a successful farm below Madden Station by paying particular attention to diversified products, brought to the office of The Advertiser Monday a fine basket of large tomatoes, a gift sent by his young daughter, Miss Ora Power, who is a member of the girls tomato club. This young lady has already canned about two hundred quarts of tomatoes from her plot of ground and expects to can quite a good deal more. This fine fruit was greatly appreciated by "us".

"The Wizard of the Jungle."

"The Wizard of the Jungle" is the title of a two reel picture to be shown at the moving picture show Monday afternoon and night. Mr. Lavender states that this is one of the most sensational animal pictures ever shown in an opera house, having been produced under the personal supervision of Captain Jack Bonavita, the world's most famous lion tamer.

Will Serve at Babun.

The Advertiser has been asked to announce that the Babun Sunbeams will sell ice cream and cake at the residence of Mr. Brooks Nash next Saturday, Aug. 30th, from four to seven o'clock. This cause is a very worthy one and it is hoped that many will come.

W. D. WATTS DROWNED IN DENVER, COL.

Promising Career Cut Short by Un- timely Death in the Water. Particulars Not Yet Known.

William Dunklin Watts, son of Mrs. Josephine Watts and the late Ex-Sheriff John W. Watts, met an untimely death by drowning at his home in Denver, Colorado, Friday. The news of his death was contained in a telegram sent to his relatives here immediately after his tragic end, but further particulars were not obtainable until yesterday. Mr. Watts had just reached Denver after a visit to his relatives here and to his mother, at Brevard, N. C. Arriving in Denver late Thursday night, he took a room at his club. He evidently arose the next morning and went to the bathing pool on the club premises alone. The next known of him was when he was found floating in the pool, having been drowned without anyone seeing him to render assistance. What caused him to lose control of himself is not yet known. When taken from the water all signs of life were gone.

Upon the receipt of the telegram telling of his death and asking what disposition to be made of the body, his friends were notified there to send the body here for burial. In accordance with this wish the body was to have arrived last night attended by two friends of the deceased. The funeral services will be held at the cemetery this morning at 11 o'clock.

The following gentlemen will be active pall bearers: W. W. Ball, W. A. Watts, Judge R. C. Watts, M. L. Copeland, W. D. Ferguson, Dr. H. K. Aiken, Dr. W. H. Dial, R. V. Irby. The following will be the honorary pall bearers: Col. H. Y. Simpson, W. B. Knight, C. D. Barksdale, Judge O. G. Thompson, C. B. Babo, Geo. S. McCravy, Joe Burton, E. P. Minter, J. S. Bennett, S. P. Babb, Hal Moorman, W. C. Irby, Jr., R. F. Jones, S. R. Todd, W. L. Gray, Dr. B. F. Posey, John E. Bolt, T. D. Lake, C. H. Roper, R. A. Cooper, E. H. Wilkes, J. S. Craig, H. S. Kennedy, W. H. Anderson, Dr. L. S. Fuller, R. E. Babb, Chas. S. Simpson.

Besides his mother, Mr. Watts is survived by his brother, Thomas Watts, who arrived in the city yesterday, and several uncles and aunts. His uncles are L. H. Watts, of Cross Hill, and J. D. Watts, of Laurens. His aunts are Mrs. Lucy Boyd, Mrs. Eliza Ball and Miss Bettie Watts, of Laurens, and Mrs. M. T. Simpson, of Cross Hill.

Mr. Watts left Laurens about twenty years ago. For fifteen years of this time he has been living in Denver, Col., where he was successfully engaged in construction work. He made it a practice to return at frequent intervals to visit his relatives here and in this manner sealed fast the friendships made in his youth. During his visits to his old home he was always made much of, for, because of his pleasant manners and sterling qualities, he made and held numerous friends. The news of his death, coming so closely after his recent visit, was a great shock to his friends and relatives and was received with great sorrow throughout the city.

Raid In Upper Part of County.

Sherie Owens, Deputy Sheriff Reid and Rural Policemen Sullivan and Owens made a raid at a negro church in the upper part of the county Sunday where they had heard of trouble that was brewing. Arriving on the scene, they arrested one Grady Ware who was evidently awaiting a chance to shoot the preacher in the church. Ware had shot the same preacher the night before, according to information gathered by the sheriff's party, and not being content with the job was out hunting more blood. When he was arrested a pistol was taken from him. He was brought to Laurens and placed in the county jail. The sheriff's party also arrested two other members of the crowd at the church for carrying concealed weapons.

Disposing of Mortgaged Property.

Sheriff Owens and Rural Policemen Sullivan made a little trip over into Spartanburg county several days ago and returned with one "Jim" Casey, colored, charged with disposing of property under loan. He was placed in the county jail to await trial at the next term of court.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

News Letters From Many
Sections.

CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Many People all over the County and to Those Who Have Left the Family Hearthstone and gone to Other States.

Cross Hill, Aug. 25.—Mrs. Jamie Leaman of Clinton and little daughter, were with Mrs. Bigie Leaman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson McFadden of Manning, S. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pinson last Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Elinor DesPortes of Ridgeway, is with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McSwain, for a visit.

Mrs. Rhidona Johnston of North is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Owens.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller are enjoying their travels in Europe. This correspondent received a card from them last Thursday dated Aug. 20th, Pinnau, Hungary. They are quite well.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harmon of Lexington are with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Harmon here.

Mr. Edwin Simpson of Laurens, is with relatives in town.

Miss Rebba Cathoun of Ninety Six, was a Cross Hill visitor last week.

Prof. F. S. Smith has been in charge of the school here the last two years. He and his family left Saturday for Mayesville, S. C. He will have charge of the school at that place.

Misses Mary Miller and Gertrude Leaman spent last week with friends at Whitmore.

Miss Arnold of Greenville is with Miss Lizzie Bryson for a visit.

Master Robert Nabers of Columbia was with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Austin a few days last week.

Miss Beagle Mosley of Kishwaukee, Florida, is with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simmons.

Mrs. Stewart and granddaughter, Miss Stewart of Coronea are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Leaman.

Mr. Robert Seymour and Miss Marie Seymour, of Greenwood, are with Mr. and Mrs. Eph Griffin.

Mrs. James A. Graham, of Hodges, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simmons.

Elcom, Aug. 25.—A much needed rain fell here Saturday morning. Although the crops were very dry and seemed to be drying up, they look like they were revived and we hope they are not so badly hurt.

A series of meetings closed at Union church last Tuesday night. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Mr. Lee. He did some able preaching and all who heard him were very favorably impressed and think the meeting was a benefit to the church.

Little Kathleen Culbertson has been right sick the past few days.

Misses Maude and Chas. Garrett and brother, of Gray Court, visited friends and relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Caldwell spent Saturday night with Mr. James Martin's family in the Mr. Gallagher section.

Mrs. Davenport is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Pinson.

Miss Gary McDaniel spent last week with her grandparents in the Potts bar Spring section.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Cooper left Sunday morning for a few days visit to the latter's parents near Danburg, Ga.

Miss Irene Cooper spent Saturday night with Miss Louie Cooper.

Mrs. L. C. Culbertson and little daughter, Evelyn, spent Sunday with Mrs. Loo Culbertson.

Miss Minnie Caldwell, who is now making her home in Columbia, spent last week with her brother, Mr. C. C. Caldwell.

Miss Frankie Culbertson is expected to be getting on pretty well.

Sailor, Aug. 26.—Polling fodder is the cent of the time. From a research by your correspondent, I think every one in this community will make out.

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